



Badger Meter Europa GmbH

VHQ 500-SP/SPS

Ultrasonic flow meter
for open channels and partially filled
pipes

INSTALLATION MANUAL

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1. General description

The flow meter VHQ 500-SP was designed for flow measurement in partially filled pipes and open channels.

A sensor measures flow velocity and level.

A 32 bits microprocessor calculates and administrates the measuring data.

A LCD graphic display (128 x 64 pixels) allows data programming and data read out.

The programming is menu driven upon dialog texts and numbers are entered upon a keypad.

A 4digit ID number prevents from unauthorized access and protect the parameters of the measurement site.

The programming is showed in chapter 3 in the form of a flow chart and described in chapter 6.

The flow meter has a 256 KB RAM memory, which records the measuring data. 256 KB RAM corresponds to about 25.000 measuring data. The memory records following data: Date, time, flow, flow velocity, level, quantity, measurement site.

A RS232 serial port makes data read out on PC possible.

The unit can administrate up to 99 measurement sites.

Three potentialfree contacts can be programmed to transmit either quantity pulses or limit values.

For external level measurement (sensor) an analogue input 4 – 20 mA is available.

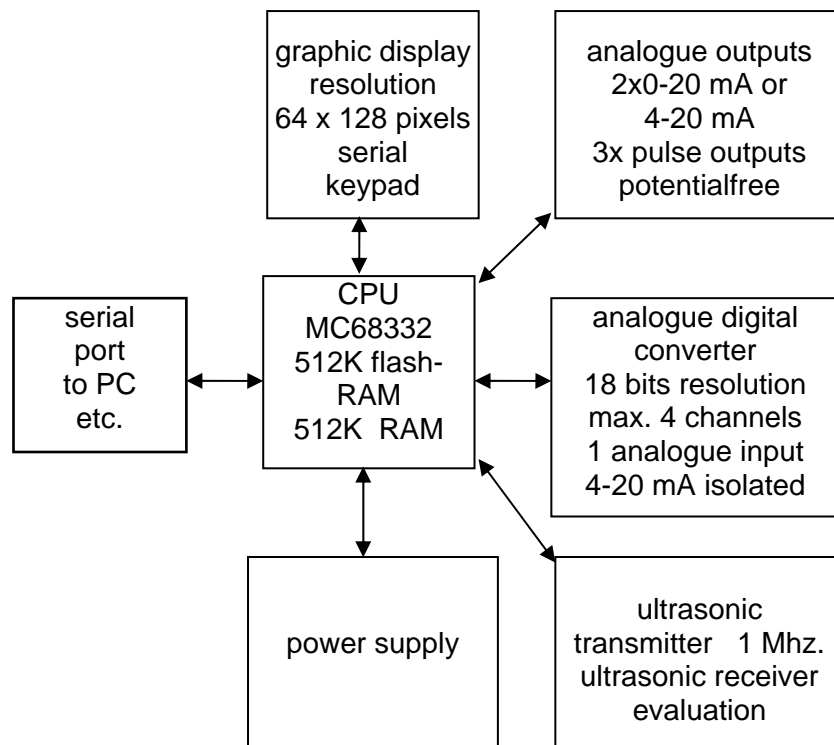
Analogue outputs 1 and 2 are isolated. Both can be programmed for 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA and be alternatively assigned to level, flow or flow velocity.

Power supply for the portable meter is ensured by an integrated 12V battery. A battery charger will be connected to the meter from outside to recharge the battery. The battery is protected from low discharging and has a life time of about 7 days. Requested power supply for the stationary meter is 90 to 240 VAC or 18 to 32 VDC.



2. Technical data/Block diagram

2.1 Block diagram



2.2 Data

CPU	:	Motorola MC68332 32 bits
Flash-RAM	:	512 K
RAM	:	512 K
Interfaces	:	1 x RS232 serial port 1 x serial TTL

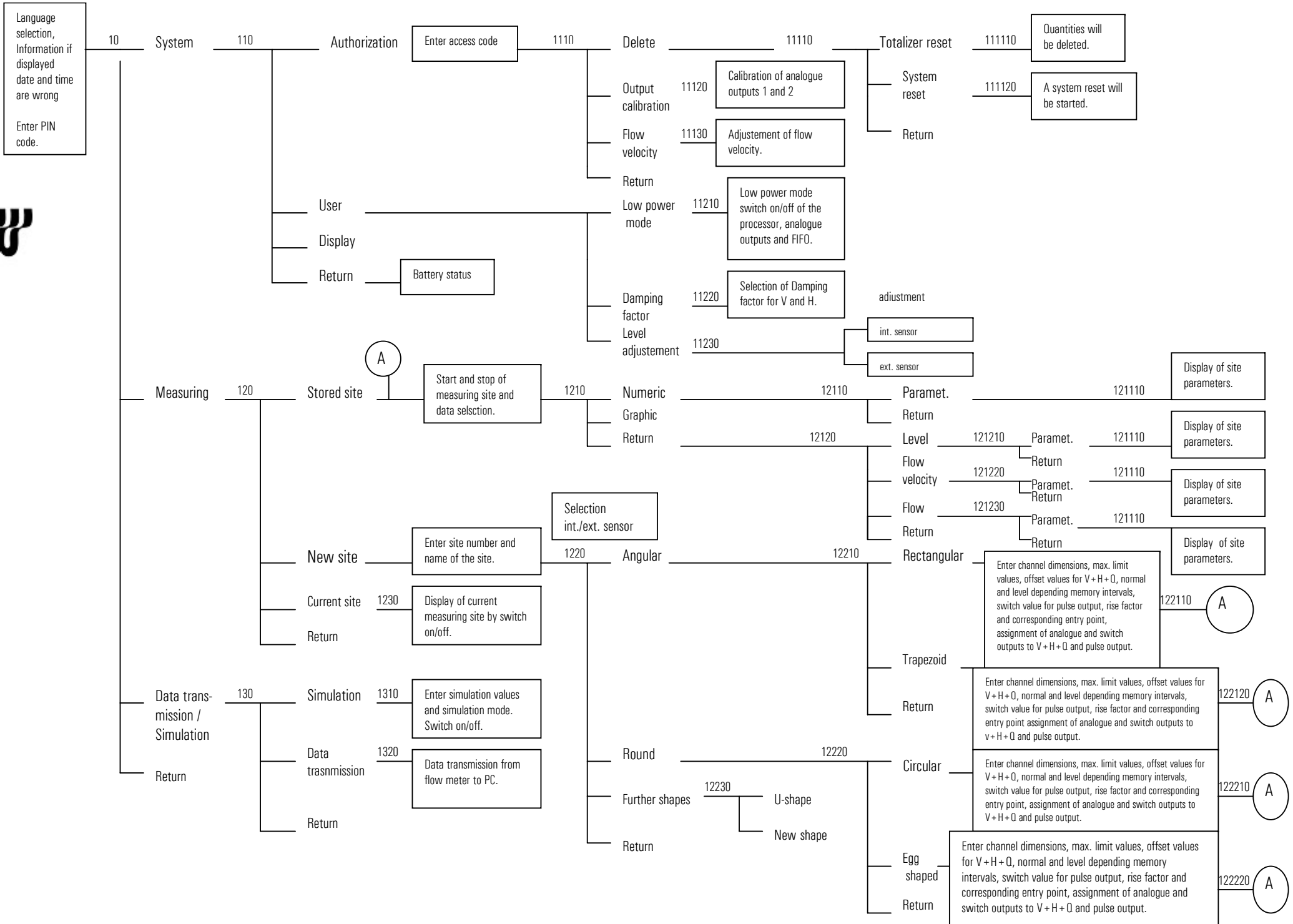
2.3 Combined sensor V/H

- a) Doppler velocity
- b) pressure level

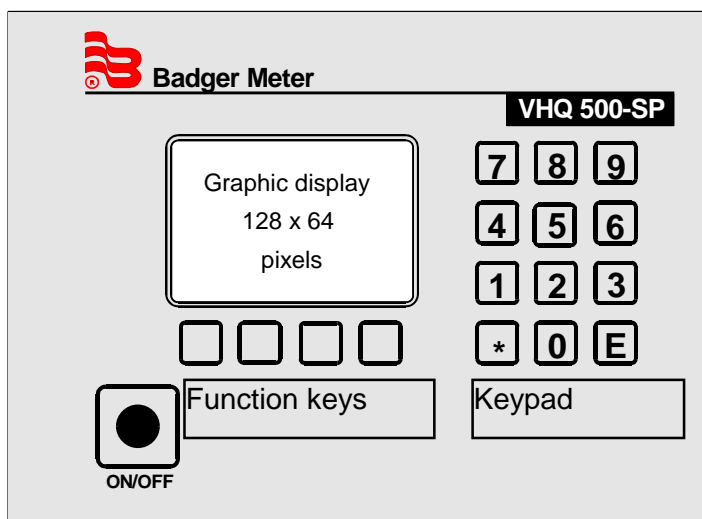
2.4 External sensor input 4-20 mA

for level measurement power supply 24 VDC / max. 300 mA





4. Description of front panel

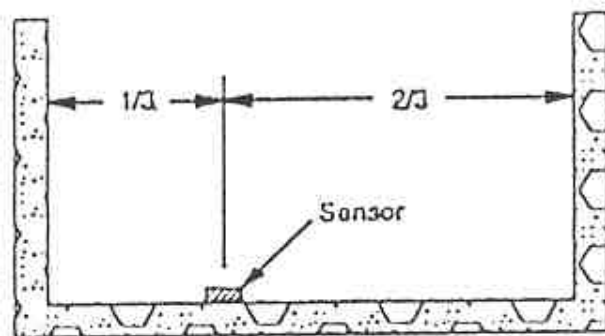


- Key on/off to switch on/off
- Function keys are used to retrieve measuring data and to program the unit.
- Keypad for programming.

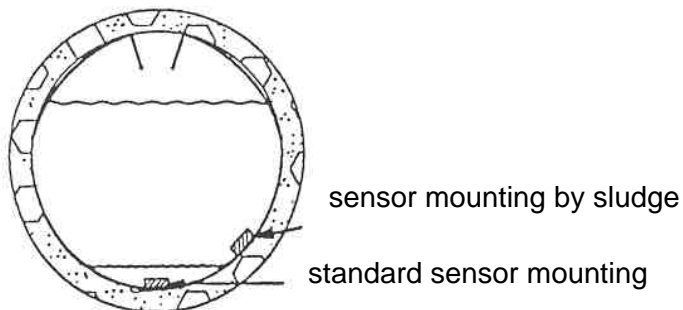
5. Sensor installation

Sensor mounting into the channel:

- rectangular shaped channel



- typical sensor mounting in a circular channel is always on the deepest place of the pipe. The sensor is usually screwed on a mounting band.



CAUTION FOR STATIONARY VERSION!

After connection of the sensor cable at the terminal, please remove the rubber protection cap from the capillary tube.

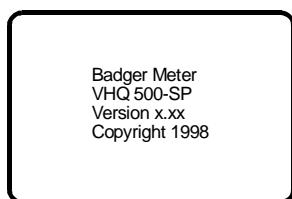
6. Programming

6.1 Programming on stage „ON“

Once the meter has been switched on, the operation software is loaded into the RAM.

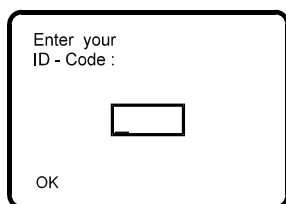
Following screen appears on the display:

Illustration 10



After this indication, the display switches to the input of ID number.

Illustration 10.1

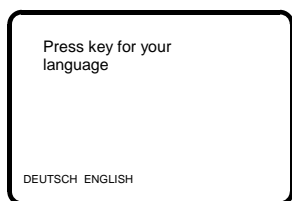


Enter ID number.

The ID number is a factory adjusted 4-digit code.

If you lose this code, please call Badger Meter and give the serial number f.i. 01.1999.001.

Illustration 11



Selection of language. Press the key accordingly.

Illustration 12

Compare on the next
page date and time.
If date or time is
wrong press NEW
ADJUSTMENT

OK



Please check date and time.

Illustration 13

Date:
09.09.98
Time:
10:11:00

NEW
CONTINUE ADJUSTMENT



If date and time is correct, press CONTINUE.
If date and/or time is wrong, press NEW ADJUSTMENT.

Illustration 14

Date:
09.09.98
Time:
10:11:00

OK LEFT Right



Adjust date and time with LEFT/RIGHT keys.
Enter the figures by pressing numbers on the keypad and
confirm with OK.

Illustration 15

System: Service,
reset totalizer,
delete datafile
Measure : stored and
new site date
Transmit data
Simulation:
SYSTEM MEASURE TRANSMIT/
SIMULA RETURN



Choice of programming stage:
SYSTEM, MEASURE, TRANSMIT DATA

or RETURN.

Select SYSTEM
Select MEASURE
Select TRANSMIT-SIMUL.
Select RETURN

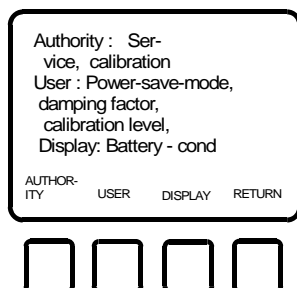
Illustration 16

Illustration 36

Illustration 12



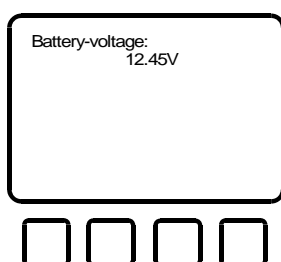
Illustration 16



Select USER
Select AUTHORITY
Select DISPLAY

Illustration 17
Illustration 25
Illustration 16.1

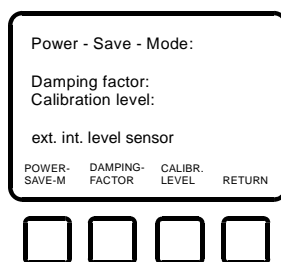
Illustration 16.1



Indication of the actual battery voltage.

If the battery voltage is below the minimum, this will appear on the display.

Illustration 17

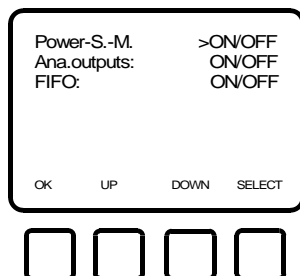


Power-Save-Mode (save battery power)
Damping factor
Level sensor calibration (ext./int.)

Select POWER-SAVE-M
Select DAMPING FACTOR
Select CALIBR. LEVEL
Select RETURN

Illustration 18
Illustration 19
Illustration 20
Illustration 16

Illustration 18



Power-Save-Mode ON/OFF (if this mode is ON, the electronic will go into sleep mode between the programmed measuring intervals).

Analogue outputs ON/OFF (if no analogue output is requested, select OFF to save power).

FIFO ON/OFF (ON means first in, first out)

(OFF means storing until memory filled)

Select ON/OFF with key SELECT and UP/DOWN.
Confirm with OK.



Illustration 19

Damping factor		
Level	:	5
Velocity	:	5
OK	LEFT	RIGHT

**Damping factors**

1 = 1 x measurement and indication

2 = 2 x measurements with average values

3 = 3 x measurements with average values

4 = 4 x measurements with average values

5 = 5 x measurements with average values

Select with LEFT/RIGHT.

Confirm with OK.

Illustration 19.1

int. spanl.: Calibrate int. levelsensor		
ext. spanl.: Calibrate ext. levelsensor		
INT. SPANL.	EXT. SPANL.	RETURN

**Selection of the level sensors ext./int.**

int. spanl. = standard V/H sensor, illustr. 20

ext. spanl = sensor with 4-20 mA output, illustr. 24.1

Return = illustr. 17

6.2 Level adjustment

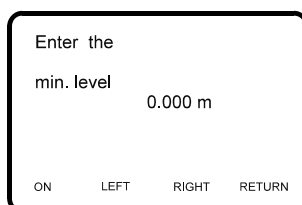
Illustration 20



Adjustment of minimum level of the internal sensor, press OK.



Illustration 21



Enter minimum level and confirm with OK.
Use LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.



Illustration 22

Fill into
a tank the
max. level,
and press OK- Key

OK RETURN



Adjustment of maximum level of the int. sensor.
Confirm with OK.

Illustration 23

Please wait!



Capturing maximum level.

Illustration 24

Enter the
max. level 0.000 m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter maximum level and confirm with OK.
Use LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.

Illustration 24.1

Connect the external sensor with the current input of the electronic.

OK RETURN

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Adjustment of the external sensor.

Illustration 24.2

For calibration enter the min. level.

0.000m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

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4 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.

Illustration 24.3

For calibration enter the max. level.

0.000m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

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20 mA from external sensor, confirm with OK.

Illustration 25

Enter the security ID code

OK RETURN

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Enter 4 digit ID-number (authorized persons only).
Use keypad and confirm with OK.



Illustration 26

Delete: Totalizer - or
system - reset
Calibration :
analogue outputs
Adjustment actual
velocity

DELETE CALIBR. ADJUST
ANAL. OUT. VEL. RETURN

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Delete totalizer, measuring data and system reset.
Calibration of analogue outputs.
Adjustment of flow velocity.

Key DELETE
Key CALIBR. ANAL. OUT.
Key ADJUST. VEL.
Key RETURN

Illustration 27
Illustration 28
Illustration 33
Illustration 16

Illustration 27

Delete totalizer:
Implementation:
system reset

RESET SYSTEM
TOTALIZER RESET RETURN

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Select RESET TOTALIZATOR and measuring data
Select SYSTEM RESET (all measuring data and stored
parameters are deleted).
Select RETURN to return to illustration 26

Illustration 28

Select the required
Analogue output

0-20mA 4-20mA RETURN

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Select calibration of analogue outputs 0-20 mA or 4-20 mA.
Key 0-20 mA
Key 4-20 mA
Key RETURN

Illustration 29
Process like 0-20 mA
Illustration 26

Illustration 29

Adjustment,
from analogue -
output 1,
zero word:
Span : 20000

OK UP DOWN RETURN

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Calibration of analogue output 1, connect current meter.
Adjust 0 mA with UP/DOWN keys.
Confirm with OK
Key RETURN

Illustration 30
Illustration 28



Illustration 30

Adjustment,
from analogue -
output 1,
span word: 1500

OK UP DOWN RETURN

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Calibration of analogue output 1.
Adjust 20 mA with UP/DOWN keys.

Confirm with OK

Key RETURN

Illustration 31

Illustration 29

Illustration 31 is like illustration 29 but calibration analogue output 2.

Illustration 32 is like illustration 30 but calibration analogue output 2.

Illustration 33

Adjustment of
actual velocity
in m/s 0.000 m/s

Level : 0.200 m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

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Adjustment of flow velocity.

Enter actual velocity with LEFT/RIGHT buttons and keypad.

Confirm with OK

Key RETURN

Illustration 34

Illustration 26

Illustration 34

Please wait!

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Compensation of velocity is released by pressing OK.

After display „Please wait“, you go automatically back to illustration 26.

Illustration 35

Stored site: site
data already stored
in memory
New site: input new
site data
Actual site

STORED SITE NEW SITE ACTUAL SITE RETURN

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Key STORED SITE (already configured) Illustration 36

Key NEW SITE

Key ACTUAL SITE

Key RETURN

Illustration 46

Illustration 72

Illustration 15



Illustration 36

On the next two pages
you can select for
the measuring points
a site number (1-99)
and a site description
(max.8 digits)

OK RETURN

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Select an already stored site by pressing OK.

Key RETURN

Illustration 35

Illustration 37

Site :
00 channel
01
02
03
04
05

OK UP DOWN RETURN

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Select a stored site with UP/DOWN keys.

Confirm with OK.

Key RETURN

Illustration 35

Illustration 38

Press SELECT key to
start or stop
the measurement

ON/OFF

OK SELECT RETURN

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Start or stop the measuring procedure by pressing SELECT.

Confirm with OK.

Key RETURN

Illustration 39

Illustration 37

Illustration 39

Site : 00 channel1
level : 0.000 m
Velocity : 0.000 m/s
Flow : 0.000 l/s
Total : 23.00000 m³
City since: 09.09.98 12:10
INT.SENSOR 12.000000 m3

REPORT GRAPHIC RETURN

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Indication of measuring values incl. site #, total, display and actual working sensor.

Key REPORT

Key GRAPHIC

Key RETURN

Illustration 40

Illustration 43

Illustration 38



Illustration 40

Memory:

00000	09.09.98	12:10:25	0.000 M/S
0.540 M	6553 L/S	12345.678 M3	00
00001	09.09.98	12:10:25	0.000 M/S
0.540 M	6553 L/S	12345.678 M3	00
00002	09.09.98	12:10:25	0.000 M/S
0.540 M	6553 L/S	12345.678 M3	00
00003	09.09.98	12:10:25	0.000 M/S
0.540 M	6553 L/S	12345.678 M3	00

PARAMET. UP DOWN RETURN

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Stored measuring data:

- | | | | |
|---------------|---------|----------|------------------|
| 1. Position # | 2. Date | 3. Time | 4. Flow velocity |
| 5. Level | 6. Flow | 7. Total | 5. Site # |

Key PARAMET.
Key UP/DOWN
Key RETURN

Illustration 41
shift measuring values
Illustration 39

Illustration 41

SITE : 00 channel1

MAIN-RECORDING-INT: 15 s

MAX. LEVEL : 2.5000 M

ALTERNATE-RECORDING INT: 001 MIN

PULSE OUTPUT: 0 M3

ENTRY POINT: 0.000 M

RISE FACTOR: 0 %/M

RETURN

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Indication of adjusted parameters.

Key RETURN

Illustration 39

Illustration 42

Select graphic:

View level

View velocity

View flow

LEVEL VELOCITY FLOW RETURN

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Select graphic LEVEL
Select graphic VELOCITY
Select graphic FLOW
Key RETURN

Illustration 43
Illustration 44
Illustration 45
Illustration 39

Illustration 43

Site: 00 channel1

LEVEL 001MIN

MAX= 2.5000 M

SETP= 0.8000 M

OFFSET= 0.0080 M

PARAMET. RETURN

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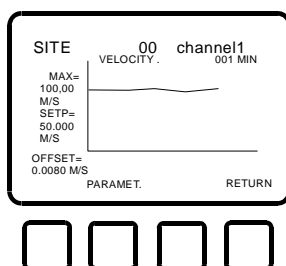
Graphic of level with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.
Key RETURN

Illustration 41
Illustration 42



Illustration 44

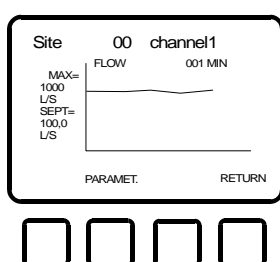


Graphic of flow velocity with site #, offset of sensor and set point.

Key PARAMET.
Key RETURN

Illustration 41
Illustration 42

Illustration 45



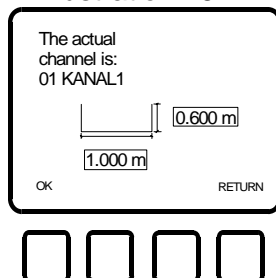
Graphic of flow with site #, and set point.

Key PARAMET.
Key RETURN

Illustration 41
Illustration 42

6.3 New site

Illustration 46

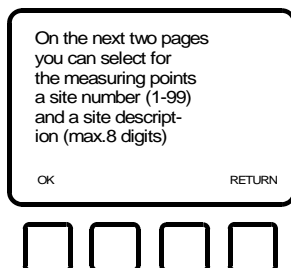


Indication of the shape of the latest selected site.

Key OK
Key Return

Illustration 46.1
Illustration 35

Illustration 46.1



Continue with OK
Back with RETURN

Illustration 47
Illustration 35



Illustration 47

Denote the measuring point (1-99)

00

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

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Enter site # upon the keypad.

Continue with OK
 Select with LEFT/RIGHT
 Back with RETURN

Illustration 48

Illustration 35

Illustration 48

Site description (max. 8 digits)

CHANNEL

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 0123456789

OK LEFT RIGHT STORAGE

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Select letters or figures by moving the flashing line under the digits with LEFT/RIGHT keys.

Store the site description with STORAGE.

Continue with OK

Illustration 49

Illustration 48.1

Selection of the measuring range of the ext. and int. sensor.

INT. above 0.000m
 EXT. above 0.000m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

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Example:

- Measuring only with internal sensor adjustment = 0.000m
- Measuring only with external sensor adjustment = 0.001 m
- Measurement with internal sensor up to 0.200 m and external sensor up to 1.000 m
 adjustment internal = 0.000 m
 adjustment external = 0.200 m
- Measurement with external sensor up to 0.200 m and internal sensor up to 1.000 m
 adjustment internal = 0.200 m
 adjustment external = 0.000 m

Illustration 49

Angular: rectangular -, trapezoid
 Round: circular -, egg shape
 Other: special shape

ANGULAR ROUND OTHER RETURN

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Selection of channel shape:

Key ANGULAR
 Key ROUND
 Key OTHER (special)
 Key RETURN

Illustration 50

Illustration

Illustration

Illustration 46



Illustration 50

rectangular:
measures of channel,
set points, offsets,
pulse and analogue-
-outputs, entry point,
rise factor
trapezoid : s.a.m

RECTANGULAR TRAPEZOID RETURN




Select RECTANGULAR channel
Select TRAPEZOIDAL channel
Key RETURN

Illustration 51
Illustration 64
Illustration 49

Illustration 51

Input measures of the
rectangular channel:



0.600 m

1.000 m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter channel dimensions.
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys.
Enter figures upon the keypad.
Continue with OK
RETURN

Illustration 52
Illustration 50

Illustration 52

Input max. values of:

Level	:	2.500 m
Velocity	:	1.000 m/s
Flow	:	10.000 l/s

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter max. values for V, H and Q (assignment of analogue outputs).

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).

Continue with OK

Illustration 53

RETURN

Illustration 49

Illustration 53

Input the set points

Level	:	2.500 m
Velocity	:	1.000 m/s
Flow	:	10.000 l/s

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN



Enter alarm set points for V, H and Q.

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).

Continue with OK

Illustration 54

RETURN

Illustration 52

Illustration 54

Input offsets

offset level :	+0.000 m
offset velocity:.	+ 0.000m/s

OK LEFT RIGHT ALGEBRAIC SIGN



Enter offset values for level and velocity.

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).

Select positive/negative with ALGEBRAIC SIGN.

Continue with OK.

Illustration 55

Illustration 55

Assign analogue and pulse outputs

Level	:	
Velocity	:	
Flow	:	
Pulse o.	:	

OK UP DOWN SELECT



Assign analogue and pulse outputs to V, H and Q.

Select 0-20 mA, 4-20 mA, pulse output 1, pulse output 2.

Select between V, H, Q and pulse output with UP/DOWN.

Confirm with OK

Illustration 56.



Illustration 56

Input on the next page required record .-time- interval. possible values are 15, 30 and 45 s, or 1 up 999 min.

OK RETURN



Continue with OK
Back with RETURN

Illustration 57
Illustration 53

Illustration 57

Recording time int.:

15 s

OK LEFT RIGHT TIME-UNIT



Select the storage time interval:

15 sec., 30 sec., 45 sec.

1 minute up to 999 minutes.

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys (or figures upon the keypad).

Select seconds or minutes with TIME UNIT.

Confirm with OK

Illustration 58

Illustration 58

If you want to select a level dependent recording interval, then press LEVEL-DEP.-key

LEVEL-CONTINUE DEP. RETURN



Change the storage time interval at a determined level.

Possible intervals are 15, 30, 45 sec. or 1 to 999 minutes.

Continue with OK

Illustration 60

Save with LEVEL-DEP. Storage

Illustration 59

Back with RETURN

Illustration 56

Illustration 59

Level dependent
Recording time int.
001 min

Level:
2.500 m

OK LEFT RIGHT TIME-UNIT



Select time and level with LEFT/RIGHT keys and enter time and level upon the keypad.

Select seconds or minutes with TIME UNIT.

Confirm with OK.

Illustration 60



Illustration 60

Configuration of the pulse output.
(1 - 999 l or 0.001- 999 m³)

Pulse output: 000.000 m³

OK LEFT RIGHT UNIT

Configuration of the totalizer pulse output 1 to 999 litres or 0,001 to 999 m³.

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.

Select between litres and m³ with UNIT key.

Confirm with OK

Illustration 61

Illustration 61

Input entry - point of rise- factor

Entry point: 0.000 m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

Configuration of the entry point (start point) of rise factor.

Enter level with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.

RETURN

Illustration 58

Confirm with OK

Illustration 62

Illustration 62

Input rise - factor

Rise - factor : 000%/m

OK LEFT RIGHT RETURN

Configuration of the rise factor.

Enter rise factor in % per metre (max. 255%/m).

Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.

Key RETURN

Illustration 61

Confirm with OK

Illustration 63

Illustration 63

By pressing OK the configured data are stored.

OK RETURN

Save all configured data by pressing OK.

Press OK for storage

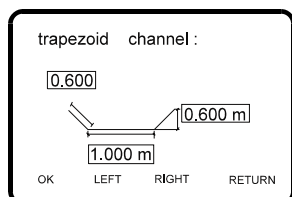
Illustration 37

Key RETURN

Illustration 62



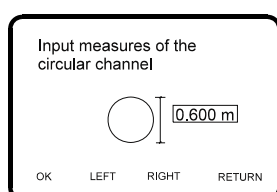
Illustration 64



Enter trapezoidal channel dimensions.
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.
Key RETURN

Illustration 49

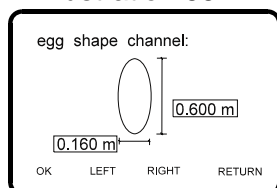
Illustration 65



Enter circular channel dimensions.
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.
Key RETURN

Illustration

Illustration 66



Enter egg shaped channel dimensions.
Select with LEFT/RIGHT keys and keypad.
Key RETURN

Illustration

7. Switch on and measure

By configuring actual site „ON“ in chapter 6, page 14, illustration 35, you come directly after having switched on the VHQ into the measuring mode. The latest channel you have chosen appears on the display.

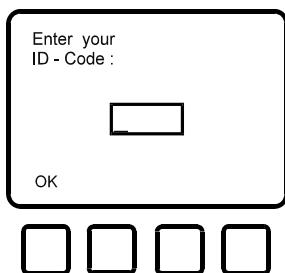
Switch on the meter.

Illustration 70



After this indication, the display switches to the input of ID-number.

Illustration 71



Enter ID number.

The ID number is a factory adjusted 4-digit code.

If you lose this code, please call Badger Meter and give the serial number.

Illustration 72



Press SELECT key to choose ON/OFF (start or stop the measuring mode).

Confirm with OK
Press RETURN to
choose a new site

Illustration 73

Illustration 74 resp. 37



Illustration 73

Site	: 00	channel1
level	:	0.000 m
Velocity	:	0.000 m/s
Flow	:	0.000 l/s
Total	:	23.00000 m³
Qty since:	09.09.98	12:10
Int. sensor	:	12.000000 m3
REPORT GRAPHIC RETURN		



Indication of measuring values incl. site #, total, etc.

Key REPORT

Illustration 40

Key GRAPHIC

Illustration 43

Key RETURN

Illustration 72 or 38

Illustration 74

Site :	
00	channel
01	
02	
03	
04	
05	
OK UP DOWN RETURN	



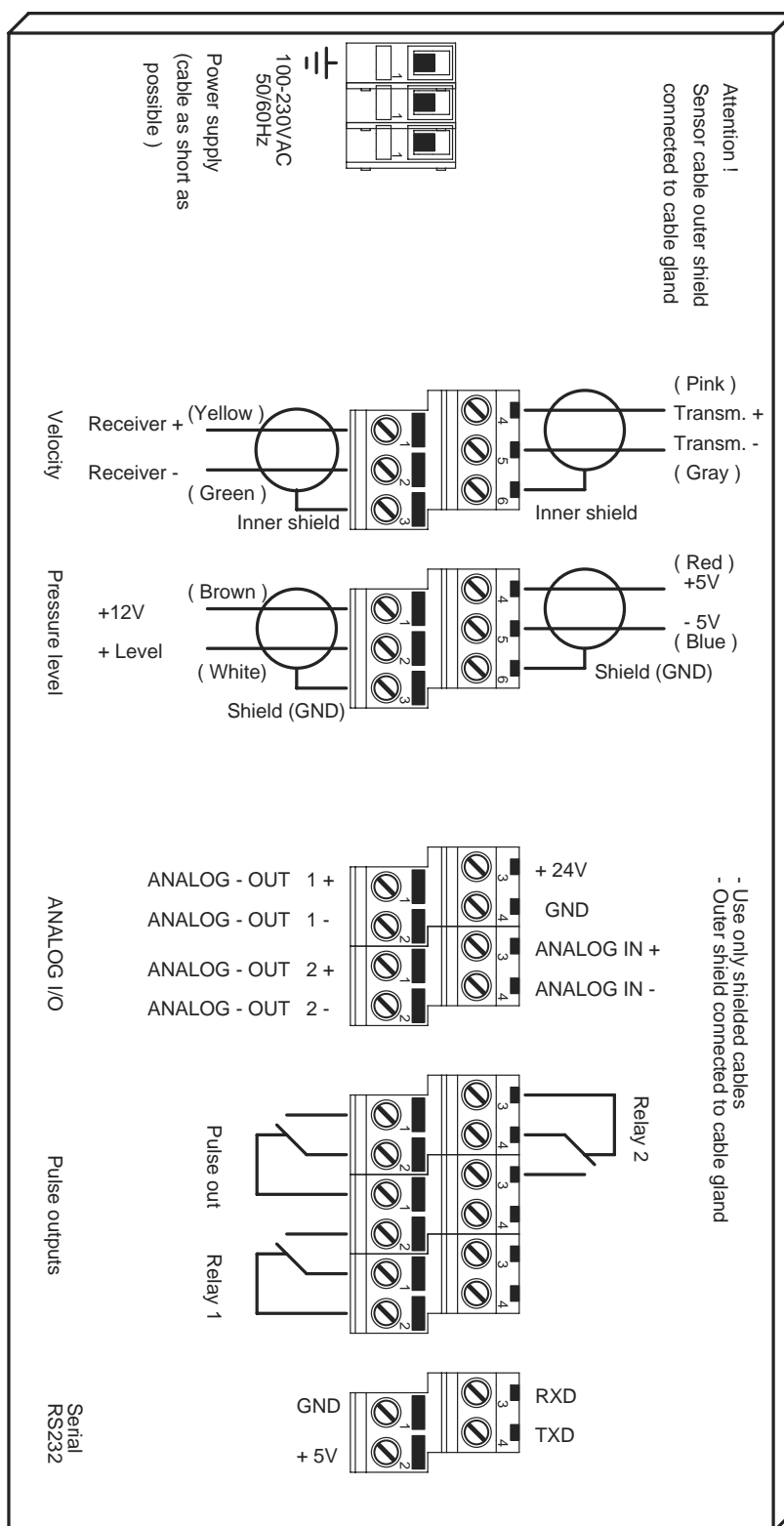
Select a stored site with UP/DOWN keys.

Confirm with OK.

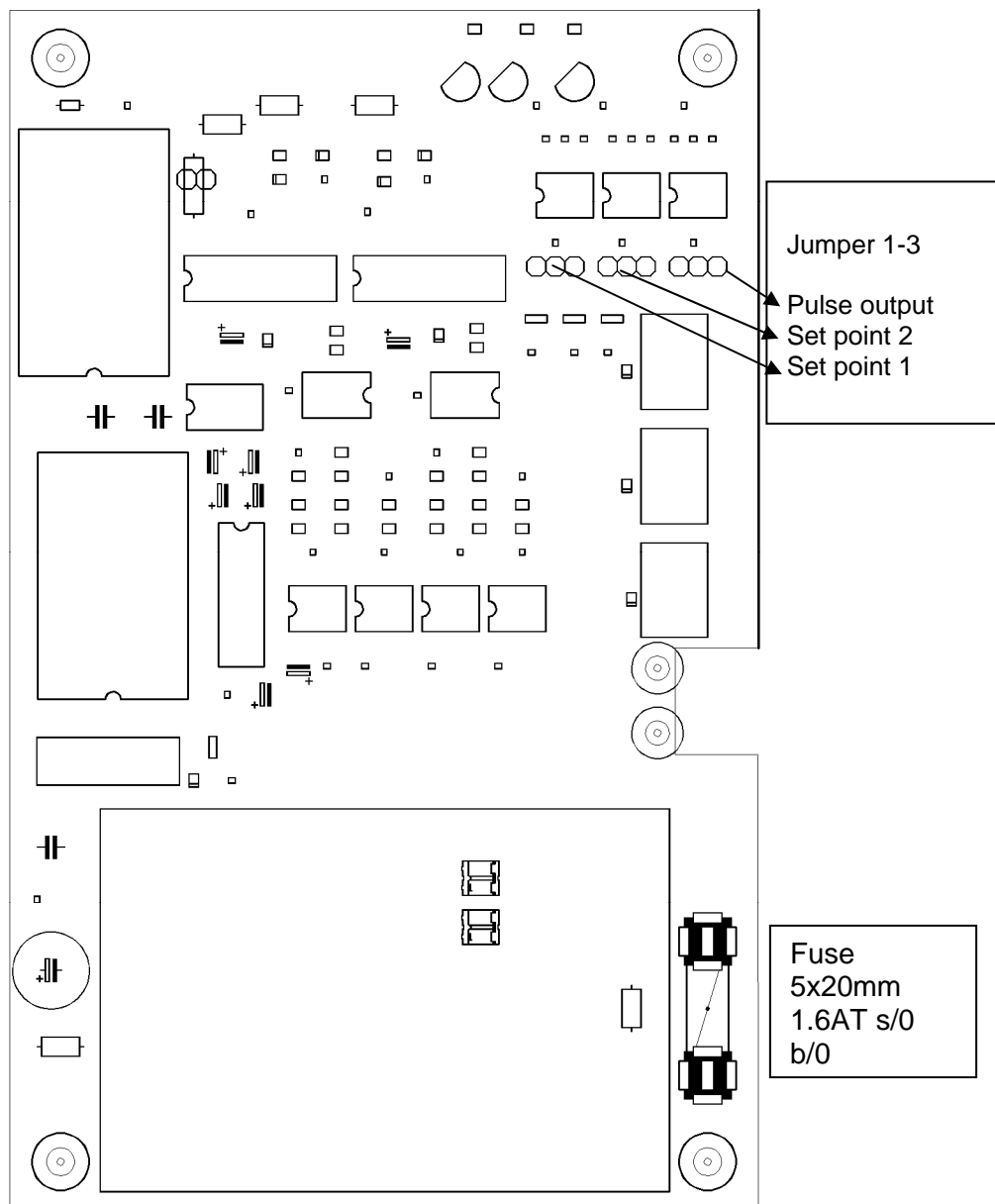
Key RETURN

Illustration 46

8. Wiring terminals

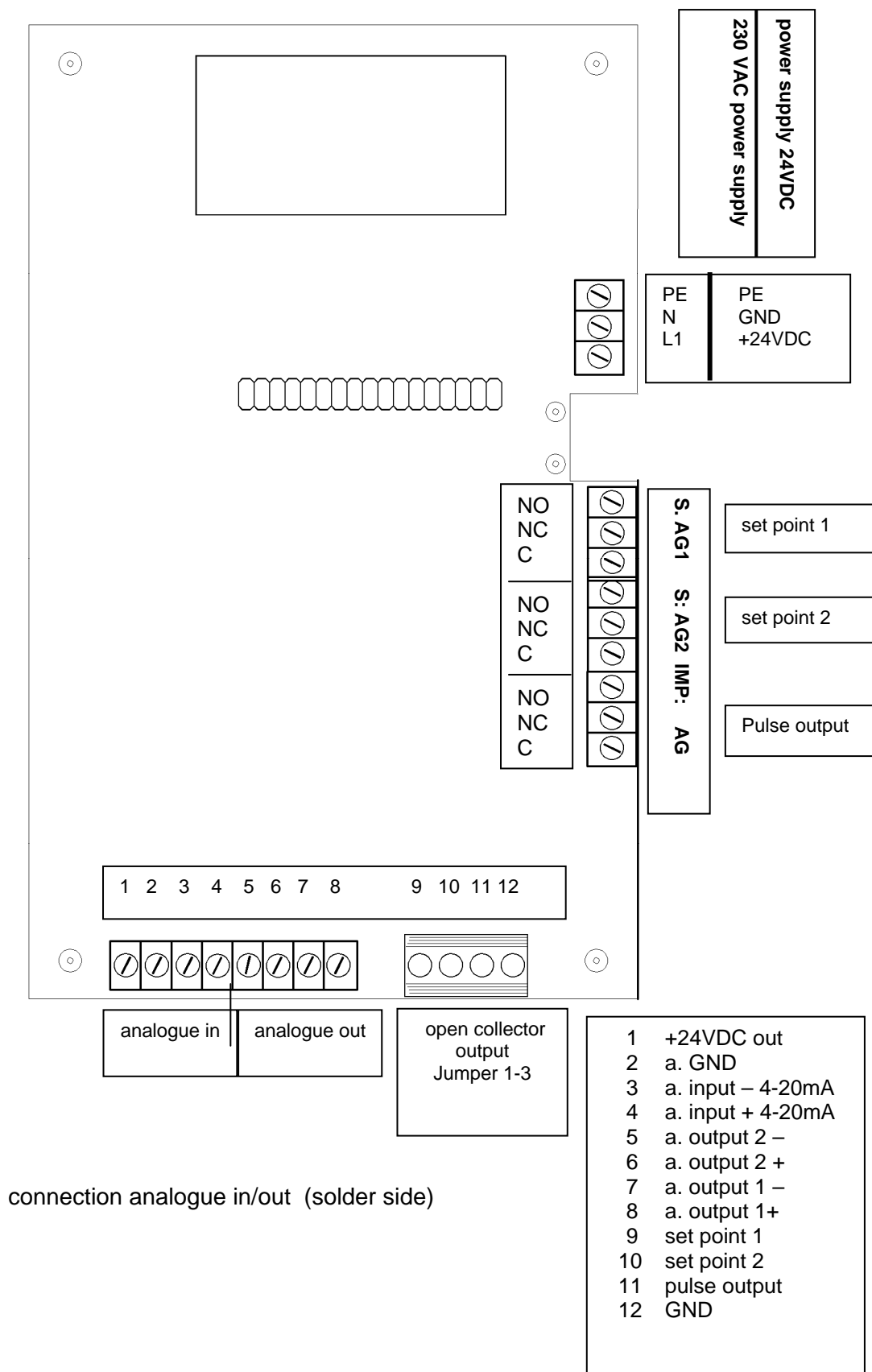


9. Analogue board input/output



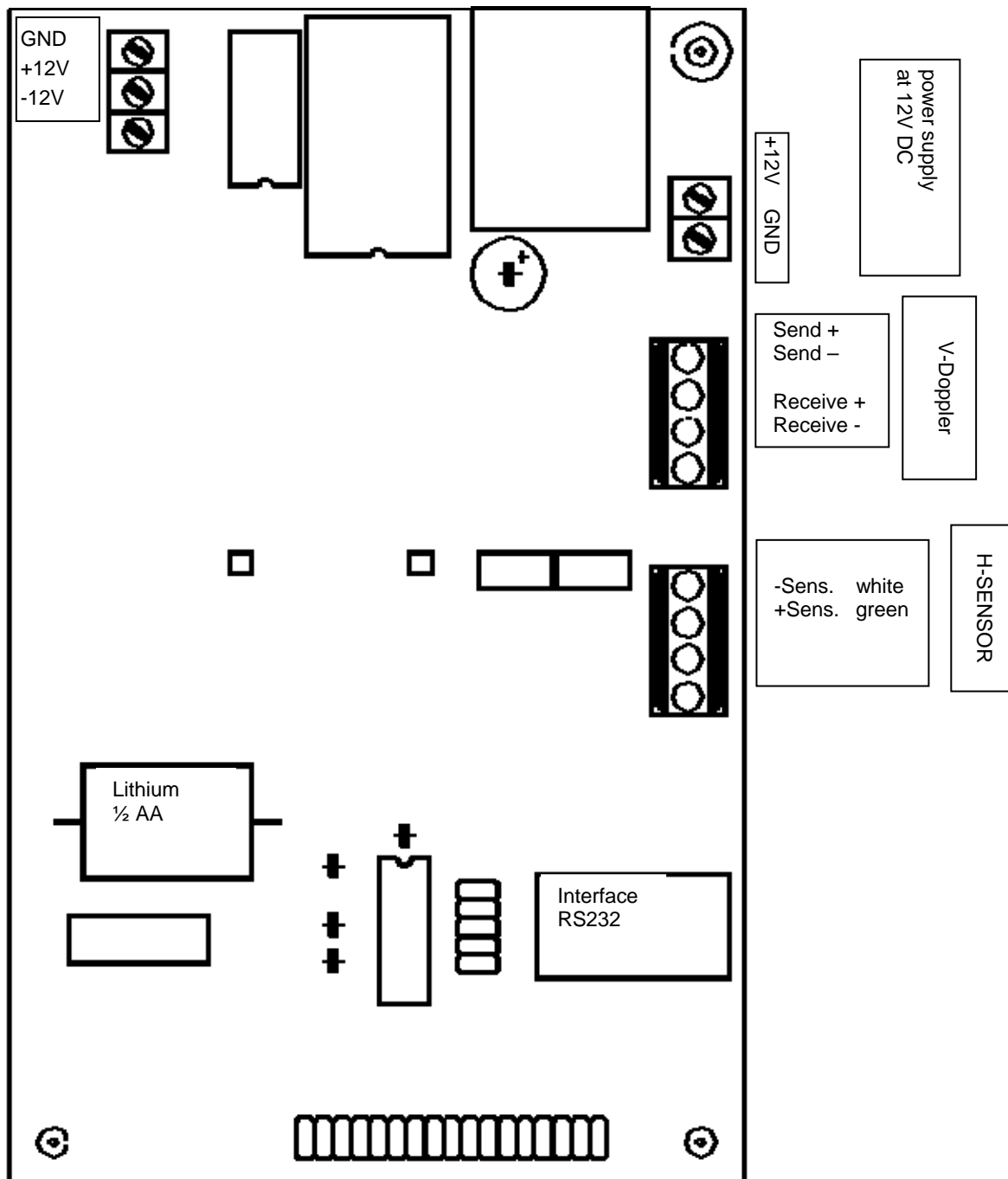
connection analogue in/out (component side)





10. CPU board

Connection CPU - board



connection analogue in/out (solderside)



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